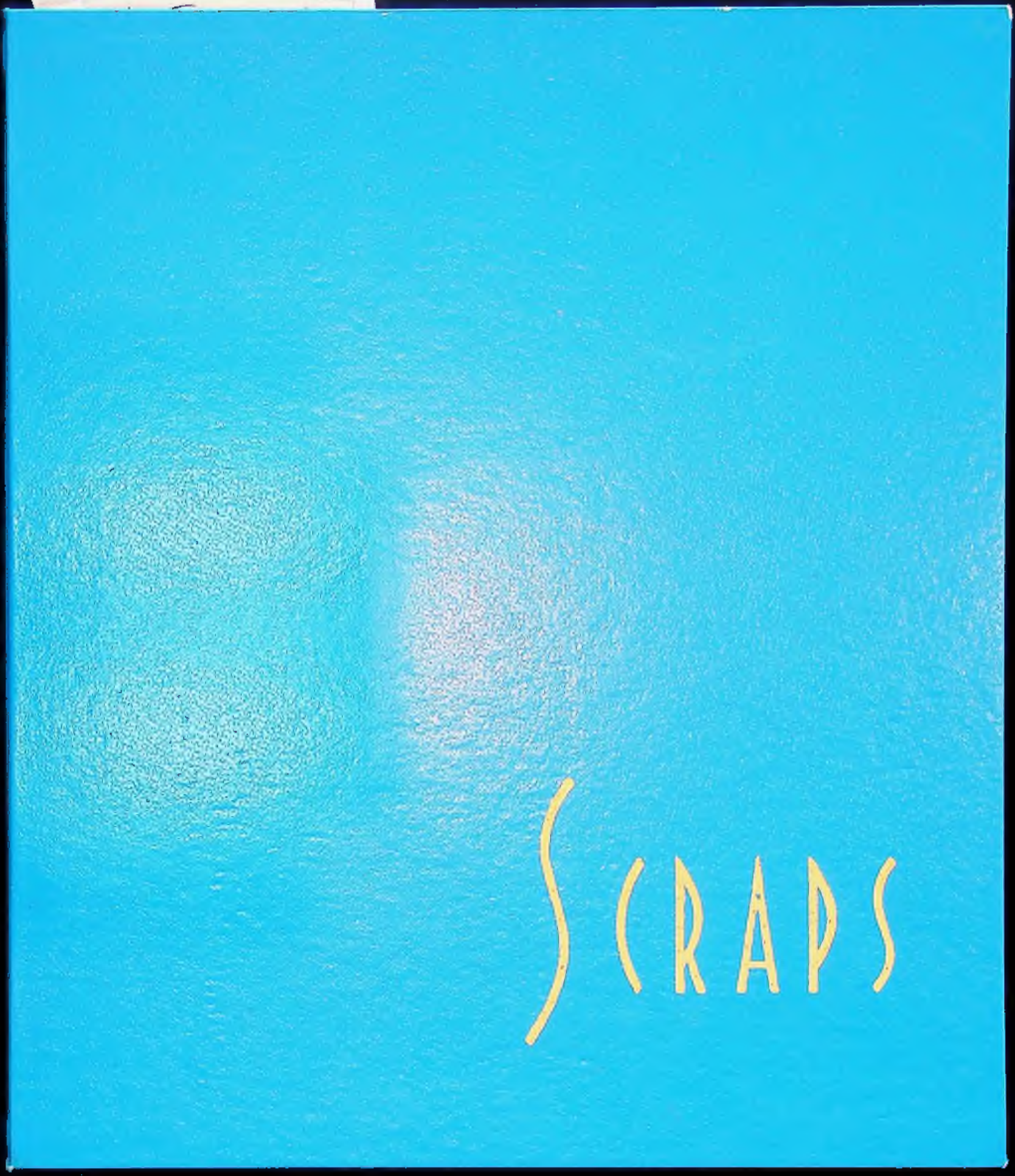
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Explore Ontario's Rural Past

Ministry of Agriculture and Food
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Ontario Agricultural
Hall of Fame
Association

Unveiling Ceremony

Program

June 3, 1990
2:30 pm.

Ontario Agricultural
Hall of Fame Assoc.
Box 38, Milton, Ont.
L9T 2Y3

On June 3, 1990 a Napanee bus took W.I. members from the area to the Ontario Agricultural Museum to see the picture of Annie Haggerty unveiled in the Hall of Fame Tamworth W.I. was represented by Joy Lloyd, Pres. and Geraldine Clement.

Adelaide Hoodless Homestead

St. George, Ontario, N0B 5T5
(519) 448-1130

This Heritage Home, furnished in the period of the late 19th century, is the childhood home of Adelaide Hunter. She was the inspiration behind the founding of the first Women's Institute in the world, February 19, 1897.

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Erland Lee (Museum) Home

552 Ridge Road,
Stoney Creek, Ontario, L8G 3X4
(416) 662-2691

Home of Erland and Janet Lee, where the constitution of the first Women's Institute was hand-written by Janet Lee.

A drive house situated on the property contains many authentic 19th Century artifacts.

The (Museum) Home is owned and maintained by Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

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Monday to Friday

Closed month of February

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Special Events:
Women's Institute Days early June.
Christmas at The Lee - December.

ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM), HOME, STONEY CREEK

CONSTITUTION TABLE

Pioneer Kitchen and Bedroom

W. I.

For thirty-five years, Cora Reid has been a member of the Reidville Women's Institute. She is the Tweedsmuir Curator for the Kingston Area and is the Addington District Secretary-Treasurer. More on Women's Institutes, in this their 90th Year, inside.

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The Bantam Salutes . . . Our Women's Institutes

Ninety years ago, on February 19, 1897, the first formal organization of a Women's Institute took place in Saltfleet Township in Wentworth County, at the western end of Lake Ontario. The branch is known now as the Stoney Creek Charter Women's Institute.

At the outset it was stated: "The object of this Institute shall be, to promote that knowledge of Household Science which shall lead to improvement in household architecture with special attention to home sanitation, to a better understanding of economic and hygienic value of foods and fuels, and to a more scientific care of children with a view of raising the general standard of the health of our people."

Twenty-two years later, on February 6, 1919, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario was organized for co-ordination of the work of the Branch Institutes.

The Board of the F.W.I.O. outlines the policies of the organization, and co-operates with the Rural Organizations and Services Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, in developing an interesting, educational and cultural programme of work for Ontario's Women's Institutes. This programme, while carried on as various projects, is made available to all women of the community.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada was organized on February 13, 1919 to co-ordinate the work of the Province's Women's Institutes that are now [illegible] world.

Then in 1930 the Associated Country Women of the World was organized as the international organization of Women's Institutes and other women's organizations.

To quote from the F.W.I.O. handbook, "These responsible for the original idea built better than they knew. The problems of human beings and their relationships have come close to every individual in a rapidly changing world--where distances are diminishing and the problems of one nation have a bearing upon many others. Great social and economic problems confront women everywhere, with the ensuing difficulties of harmonizing home and community life. Today, Woman's Institutes concern themselves more with these problems than in the past."

The objectives of Ontario Women's Institutes are, a) to help women aquire sound and approved homemaking skills; b) to help discover, stimulate and develop leadership; c) to help identify and resolve needs and problems in the community; d) to help promote the use of available resource materials; and e) to help develop better informed, happier and more useful citizens.

The First Women's Institute was organized on February 19, 1897

The motto of the Women's Institutes is "FOR HOME AND COUNTRY".

Membership in the Branch is open to women and girls (16 years of age and over) upon payment of the annual fee.

Today there are nineteen Branches of the W.I. in Lennox and Addington County from Denbigh in the north to Amherst Island in the south. They include Roblin, Victoria II, Maple Ridge, Mount Pleasant Jr. and Grandview in Richmond, Reidville, Moscow and Camden East in [illegible] and Tamworth in Sheffield.

The Bantam salutes the ladies of all Women's Institutes Branches as they celebrate their 90th anniversary.

Story by Cora Reid
for Bantam

W.I.

February is a keynote month in the life

February is a keynote month in the life of that great rural women's organization — the Women's Institute.

On a late winter day 93 years ago Feb 19, 1897 — Adelaide Hoodless addressed a meeting of over 100 women in Squire's Hall at Stoney Creek near Hamilton.

From that meeting, the Women's Institute was born, with the purpose of disseminating knowledge relating to domestic economy, including household architecture, with special attention to home sanitation, a better understanding of the economic and hygienic value of foods, clothing and fuel; and more scientific care and training for children as well as raising the general standards of health for all people.

It is doubtful if Adelaide Hoodless ever considered herself a "militant women's libber" but rather a humanitarian crusade to

REG WHITTY

improve living conditions of her generation.

She found a strong ally in Erland Lee, at the time municipal clerk of Saltfleet Township, president of Wentworth Agricultural Society, secretary of the local Farmer's Institute, as well as operating a large farm and being one of the first commercial grape growers in Ontario. He invited Mrs. Hoodless to address that now-historic Feb. 19, 1897 meeting and assisted in the organization and writing the constitution. He carried out the necessary negotiations with the Ministry of Agriculture to secure the charter. Today Women's Institutes come under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture. The organization is unique in that membership is restricted to farm women and those residing in rural villages.

The Erland Lee (Museum) Home is now an historic shrine at Stoney Creek preserved and maintained by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, in memory of the W.I. co-founder Erland Lee.

With its motto: "For Home and Country" the Women's Institute is today the largest women's organization in the world. Internationally, Women's Institutes belong to the Associated Country Women of the World. Through membership in A.C.W.W., they support community improvement projects in the

of the venerable Women's Institute

Third World such as nutrition, education and sanitary water facilities. They also act as consultants to the United Nations. Local current issues being tackled include lobbying both Canadian and U.S. governments on the problem of acid rain and holiday workshops on the impact of free trade. The W.I. speaks out against pornography, plus initiating a pilot project for rural day care programs. In the late 1980s, recycling of waste materials became a prime project of many local W.I. branches.

An eastern Ontario woman, Annie Haggerty of Napanee, rose to the presidency of both the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario and the Federated Women's Institute of Canada.

Kingston Area Women's Institutes revere and honor Mrs. Haggerty's memory with the presentation annually of the Annie Haggerty Memorial Scholarship, awarded to a qualified young woman advancing beyond secondary school education.

Mrs. Haggerty's sister-in-law, Mrs. Madeliene Fretts, provides an annual scholarship to a qualifying graduate of H.H. Langford School in North Fredericksburgh Township through her local branch — Maple Leaf-Lennox — where she has been a member for 64 years.

Forms-Facts-Figures, a training module to develop administrative skills for farm women's organizations, was held recently in Guelph, sponsored by the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario. Participants from all over Ontario were trained in management skills as they pertained to president, secretary and treasurer. Those in attendance were urged to return to their own areas and put on a series of workshops to help train their local and potential members.

Irene Tennant and Joanne Flikweert, members of Junetown Women's Institute in Leeds The Lovely, represented Kingston Area Women's Institute. Colleen Strusthof, based in the Kingston office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, is in the local liaison offices.

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Women's Institute appoints male

By JACK RAFTER
Whig-Standard Staff Writer

NORTH FREDERICKSBURGH

Veteran Whig-Standard columnist Reg Whitty was flabbergasted yesterday when delegates to a gathering of the Kingston-area Women's Institute appointed him as an honorary member.

The citation is believed to mark first time in the W.I.'s 93-year history that a man has been so honored.

"It was the biggest surprise of my life," said Mr. Whitty after the presentation. "I was at quite a loss for words, just speechless. I think I said a pretty feeble thank you. I felt so weak."

The approximately 200 delegates paid tribute to Mr. Whitty for his consistent and dedicated coverage and reporting of their various conventions, meetings, anniversaries and other celebrations over the past 33 years.

The Institute, which began — and remains — a promoter of good food and nutritional habits, has since launched widespread campaigns into other fields as well, such as environmental concerns, recycling and related projects.

Marion Wannamaker, public relations officer for the Lennox District, said Institute records show that Mr. Whitty wrote his first Whig-Standard column on the group in 1957. And he's never ceased to keep them coming.

"He never misses an event, party or anniversary, and always gives us an advance notice of upcoming events," Mrs. Wannamaker said. She estimated that the newly appointed member attends an average of five W.I. functions a year.

"He has been such a great person for the Women's Institute that a lot of us think he's even more dedicated than some of the women," she said.

Mr. Whitty, a lifelong farmer and longtime egg producer who became a part-time Whig-Standard agricultural columnist in 1948, said he had "no inkling whatsoever" of what was happening when area president Fredde Clarke called him up to the podium yesterday.

"I thought they were going to ask me to draw some raffle ticket out of a hat, or something like that. I sometimes do that kind of thing for them," he said.

Judy Smith, the Kingston area

Whitty: honorary member

Tweedsmuir curator, presented Mr. Whitty with a framed plaque signed by Peggy Knapp of Georgetown, who was the special guest speaker for the Kingston Institute's 64th annual convention.

Mrs. Knapp said there has never, to her knowledge, been another male made an honorary member of the Women's Institute.

Mr. Whitty and his wife Wilma, a retired school teacher, live at R.R. 1, Sydenham.

H. I.

June 12, 1989

On June 12, 1989 Tamworth H.I. visited Northbrook, had dinner, saw antiques and also a demonstration of tole painting.

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June 1990

Tamworth W.I. visits Tweed

A Tribute to Mrs. Lawrence York (Pat)

She opened up her fragile arms
And took me as her friend
To-day but a few months later
I learned that it would end.

She showed me with her kind concern
And her golden rule of life
That my burdens were as nothing
Beside her silent strife.

Oh Lord I thank you for this friend
Who left her mark to stay
A touch I'll ever remember
To help me live Your Way.

By Mrs. Doris McPherson

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June 1990

Kay Allen and Pat York - Tweed Trading Company

YORK, Pat — Suddenly at the Kingston General Hospital on Friday, October 12, 1990, Patricia Jean York, Kingscourt, of Tamworth, in her 56th year, beloved wife of Lawrence York, dear mother of John York of Welland, Joan (Mrs. Thomas) Hallett, Marion York, Wright and Caroline York, all of Toronto, dear sister of Bruce, Keith, June and Bert, all of Tamworth, also remembered by nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. The family received friends at the Hannah Funeral Home, Tamworth on Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Service at the funeral home on Monday, October 15 at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Terri Bell officiating, followed by cremation. Donations may be made to Christ Church or the charity of your choice.

MACPHERSON, Doris Eileen
Peacefully in her sleep after a short illness at the Lennox and Addington County General Hospital, Napanee, on Friday, March 6, 1992, in her 69th year, Doris E. Britton, Tamworth, formerly of Napanee, beloved wife of the late Irvin MacPherson, dear mother of Laurie and her husband Gary Pittman, Napanee, Ian MacPherson and his wife Audrey Shilabeer, Edmonton, Scott and his wife Vicky Tamworth, and Mark, Toronto sadly missed by grandchildren Melanie, Sarah, Luke, Adam, Alyssa and Steven, survived by a sister Audrey Walker, Toronto, and a brother Bob Britton, Whitby. The family will receive friends at the Wartman Funeral Home, 448 Camden Road at Newburgh Road, Napanee (613-354-3722) on Sunday from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday at 11:00 a.m. Interment Riverside Cemetery, Napanee. Friends desiring may contribute to 100 Huntley Street (cheques preferred please).

WHEN THE CURTAIN FALLS

There comes a time for all of us
When we must say "Good-Bye"
But memories of those we love
Live on and never die.

Although the curtain falls at last
Is that a cause to grieve?
The future life is brighter still,
If only we believe.

So trust in God's eternal care
And when the Master calls
We'll know a fairer World Beyond,
Although the curtain falls.

Author Unknown

The Tamworth Village Street

I sit beside my window
While I watch each passerby
For anything that's moving
Is bound to catch my eye

I do not know these neighbors
Their names do not mean a thing
And in my box of memory
There's no familiar ring.

I see an older fellow
Who walks "the street" every day
Patrols each block observing
As if to earn his pay

Should he not come, I'd miss him
He's become my silent friend
Although he doesn't know it
My thoughts to him I send.

He probably has lived here
Since the days he was a lad
The stories he has gathered
Would fill a writer's pad.

Children on their bicycles
Ride merrily, gliding by
And as they pass my window
Don't notice that I sigh.

For I'm a senior "stranger"
Who is new to this old town
It will take a while for me
To spread myself around.

The Village Street looks friendly
With each sight and sound its own
To me beside my window
Its welcome smile has shown.

Written on the occasion of my retirement move to Tamworth.
Doris E. MacPherson

President of Tamworth W. I.

Mrs K. Clement presents a gift to Pres. Mrs. J. Lloyd on retirement.

Tamworth W I. President : Mrs Joy Lloyd –
Mrs Robert Craig- Mrs. Jean Bradshaw-

18. December H. I. Meeting 1990

Mar. 11, 1991

Tamworth W.I.

visits

County Museum

R. L.
Doris MacPherson
Mary Finlay

Joy Lloyd Pres. Cora Reid Museum Rep Gerry Clement, Lois Claxton, Helen Hopkins
Mary Kelly, Pat Betts, Mary Burns

W. I. 1991 WINTER PROJECT

L. to R. DORIS McPHERSON ARLENE BRADSHAW HELEN CRAIG AGNES STORRING JOY LLOYD

L. to R. JEAN BRADSHAW MARJORIE TURKINGTON HELEN HANNAH DORIS McPHERSON MYRTLE ROGERS VERA HANNAH AGNES STORRING

ANNUAL MEETING

OF

ADDINGTON DISTRICT

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

1991
Addington district annual

TAMWORTH – Tamworth W.I. hosted the Addington District Annual May 13 at the Tamworth Town Hall.

Members in attendance were from Camden East, Moscow and Roslville. Carolyn Lawlor, Distric President chaired the meeting which included guests: Kingston Area President, Fredde Clarke, Area Secretary, Marianne van Silfout, Board Director, Joyce Watson; and Bonnie O'Neill, R.O. Specialist.

A quilt, which the Tamworth members had quilted during the winter, was on display as well as the Tweedsmuir History Book and Supplies, and a District theme for the Centreville Fair. This year the Women's Institute is promoting the planting of a tree by each member and Helen Craig of Tamworth cre ated a descriptive poster for the District to encourage participation in this project.

Several seedlings donated by Agnes Storring were offered as prizes and packaged acorns given to anyone desiring to plant them.

Special guest Angela Hart read her winning essay entitled "What Should Society be Doing to Preserve the Environment." President Carolyn Lawlor announced with great pride that this local student's entry will represent Ontario in the Federated Women's Institute of Canada Contest.

[illegible] of the business meeting an enjoyable lunch was served by the Tamworth ladies.

Tamworth W I s June meeting will be held at the Devon Tea Room in Tamworth.

W.I. Essay Contest —

Angela Hart

Two years ago the past presidents of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada sponsored an essay writing contest among students in Grades 7 to 10, right across the country. The essay was to be about preserving the environment, under the title, 'What Should Society Be Doing To Preserve Our Environment?'

Angela Hart, in Grade 7 at Enterprise Public School at the time, did an essay which was judged to be the best in Addington District. There were four Women's Institutes in Addington District then, Camden East, Moscow, Reidville and Tamworth. Moscow has since disbanded.

When she won at the district level, Angela's essay was judged again, this time at the Kingston Area level. All W.I.'s in Lennox, Addington, Frontenac and Leeds districts are part of the Kingston area. Again her essay was judged to be the best.

From there it was on to the Ontario level, and Angela's was again judged to be the best.

Angela received a cash award for winning at each of the three levels.

Each province will send it's top four essays to the F.W.I.C. for judging at the national level this summer.

Angela is the daughter of Larry and Marg Hart of R.R. 1, Enterprise and in June of this year graduated from Enterprise Public School.

Angela's essay placed third at the national level.

Angela reading her essay at W.I. Annual 1991

Angela's Essay

WHAT SHOULD SOCIETY BE DOING TO PRESERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT?

As we begin this decade "the 90's" we are having to face new problems of the times. Our environment is slowly deteriorating and everyone must get involved

One of the biggest threats to our environment is depletion of the ozone layer due mainly to chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's). Further damage can be avoided if we act now. Most cans are now labelled 'ozone-friendly although there are some that are still not. Every individual should be alert and watch [illegible] cans which do contain CFC's. Another issue we should get involved in is manufacturers and industries making things completely CFC free. We could do this by taking up petitions and writing letters, expressing our concern in preserving the environment

An equally important factor that will help our environment is recycling. Every individual person, as well industry, play an active role in this. One way people can help is by getting involved in a local recycling program, such as blue box. In this program every household is responsible for sorting their own garbage. Then any recycleable [illegible] would go in a big box outside their [illegible] to be picked up and eventually recycled. Another way to get involved is a paper drive [illegible] people, in which you save used papers and newspaper for recycling. Recyclers in Ontario save 1.5 million trees annually. 80 million trees could be saved if all the paper Canadians throw away is recycled. Food industries should be making all their food containers recycleable. Some food industries have already started. There are so many things that can be recycled. A major pollutant is motor [illegible] Studies estimate that 10 [illegible] of waste oil from motors end up in and around lakes, streams and the ground [illegible] This can be contained some dangerous toxins, lead, cadmium and possible carcinogen polyaromatic carbon - which can contaminate our lakes, rivers and the soil around us. This problem can be solved. At the present time there are only a few motor oil recycling plants. The Ministry of Environment should be pressured [illegible] making laws for used motor oil to be recycled. This way people would have a safe way of getting rid of used motor oil

In April, 1983 public opinion survey showed 79% of Canadians consider acid rain the most serious problems facing our environment today. More efficient use of fossil fuels means less acid rain. Efficiency can reduce the emissions which cause acid rain. We can all contribute our help a number of ways. One would be car-pooling. If you are riding to work every day, you should find out if there are other people around you going to the same place. By doing this there will be one car on the road as opposed to five. This will cut down on the exhaust, which helps curb acid rain. Industries in general should be trying to cut down on their toxic gas emissions. This causes sulfer dioxide to be released into the air. The main cause of acid rain is the emissions produced from burning coal. These industries should try to find other sources of fuel.

An issue everyone can relate to is pollution. There are so many industries that are causing pollution. Pollution is everywhere. One example would be the Pulp and Paper Industry, which dumps tonnes of toxic waste each day into our rivers and lakes. A lot of these chemicals are used to bleach paper products, for example tissues, toilet paper, paper towels. A simple solution to this would be for people to demand unbleached paper products.

Something very important about pollution that everyone needs to realize is that it isn't just big factory that produce it. Whenever any individual people just throw household garbage along the road, they are polluting.

Another big issue is the rainforest destruction. Forty-five million acres of rainforest are destroyed or degraded each year. That is equivalent to [illegible] football fields each second. This has got [illegible] these forests are also [illegible] oxygen. Rainforest destruction contributes to the greenhouse effect because [illegible] when [illegible] and [illegible] of the [illegible] they release into the air when they are burned. Some people have bought an acre of the rainforest. People can do this and it will save some, but not enough. One of the most important things we can be doing is trying to change the government's policies. We should be writing letters demanding changes.

There are many, many things we can and must do to preserve our environment. Not only industries but individual people also must become involved. People everywhere are beginning to realize this.

There is now a day declared as "Earth [illegible] April 22nd that is [illegible] people will make an effort [illegible] encouraging people to start helping clean our environment. Another thing they do, and everyone can do, is plant a tree. By doing this we can help put oxygen back in the air.

As you can see everyone can and must help to preserve our environment. Everyone does make a difference.

Angela Hart

24 June 1991

Women's Institute plant trees

[illegible]'s Institutes all over Ontario, as well as each branch, district, and area, are being encouraged to plant a tree this year. In the above picture Joy Lloyd, Addington district president and Tamworth branch past-president, plants a tree on behalf of the branch in Cunningham Park in Tamworth while other members of the branch look on. In the back from left to right are Agnes Storring, Marion Coulter, Helen Craig, Elsie Richmond, Geraldine Clement, Cecile Oberle, Doris MacPherson, Helen Hannah, Jean Bradshaw, Kay Allen, Vera Hannah, Myrtle Rogers, Marjorie Turkington and Coralyn Lawlor. Also present but not in the picture were Betty Wheeler and Doris Milligan.

Tamworth W.I.

Twenty four [illegible] members and guests met at the Devon Tea Room in Tamworth for the month[illegible]y meeting June 11 of the Tamworth W.I. After a tasty quiche luncheon, the members reassembled at the town hall for their business meeting and pro[illegible]

The president opened with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

The roll call was "Give a New Household Hint" and the motto, When you're through changing, you're through.

The program was a viewing of the official opening of Cunningham Memorial Park in Tamworth. Agnes Storring graciously offered the use of her TV and the video which was taken by members of her family. As many members saw themselves or their neighbors for the first time on TV, it was a most enjoyable afternoon.

Members of the branch and Addington District had donated Red King Maples to the Memorial Park and at the conclusion of the video, members visited the Park and Joy Lloyd on behalf of Tamworth Branch and Carolyn Lawlor on behalf of Addington District lifted the golden spade to finish the planting.

Our next meeting will convene in September with a Pot Luck Luncheon at the Town Hall and members are requested to bring a [illegible]

PERSONALITIES of TAMWORTH W. I.

Mrs. T. Scanlin

Mrs. Thos. Scanlin (nee Jane Evans) was the daughter of John Evans and Mary Lacey. She was born at Enterprise. Her education was obtained at Moscow Public School, Newburgh High School and Model School. She taught for six years, she married Thos. Scanlin and spent her early married life at Moscow and Enterprise. They had three sons.

Finally they moved to Tamworth. In 1944 Mr. Scanlin died. The son, Jim, operated a garage and sold cars.

During Mrs. Scanlin's thirty years of membership in the Tamworth W.I. she had the privilege of being President for six years and was District President 1937-39. In 1939-40 she was the Federated member.

Mrs. W. W. Redden

Mrs. Redden was a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. Sexsmith, a Methodist Minister.

Gertrude Sexsmith was born at Wellington, Vancouver Island, B.C. in 1882. Later the family moved to Ontario.

She attended Public Schools in Ameliasburg, Roseneath and Belleville, then went to Albert College in Belleville.

Gertrude Sexsmith's main hobby was music. She obtained her A.T.C.M. degree in piano at the age of seventeen from Prof. Wheatley of Belleville. She played the music for the church services where her father was the pastor.

Gertrude Sexsmith and Walter Redden were married in Bath in 1905. They took up residence on the Redden homestead, Kingston, for a year. Finally they moved to Tamworth where Mr. Redden took up the butchering business. He managed this for several years before becoming a car dealer.

The family lived in Tanworth for thirty-five years.

Mrs. Thos. Scanlin,
30 yr. member of
Tamworth W. I.

Annual Meeting

OF

Addington District Women's Institute

SHIRLEY MEMORIAL HALL
CAMDEN EAST, ONTARIO

THURSDAY, MAY 23

1963

Mrs. Annie Barrett. Died 1991
Mrs. Vera McLaughlin
Mrs. Charlotte Bradshaw. d. 1980
Mrs. Ida Bell - d. 1981

Organizations –

Tamworth Beavers organized Sept. 29, 1988
Meeting Place – Legion Hall
Leaders – Joy Lloyd and Laura Gibson

Top - Joy Lloyd, Ronnie Lott, Mickey Slack, Laura Gibson
2nd Row - Jason McLaughlin, Aaron Way
3rd Row - Chad Trussell, James Richmond, Jamie Lott, Ian Storring
Bottom – Adrian Dolan, John Raham, Brian Way, Shaun Gibson, Phillip Saxe
Blair McDonald was absent for the picture

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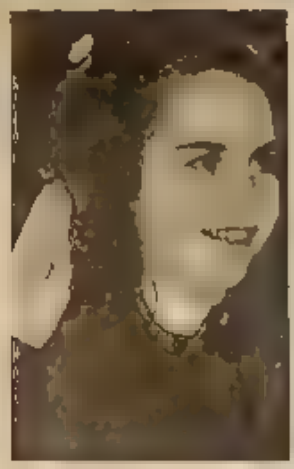
Girl Guides –

Shannon Bird

Alison Huffman



Amy Fisher

Girl Guide company forms in Tamworth area

By Rod Dawson
North county correspondent

After a 30-year absence, Girl Guides returned to Tamworth recently as seven young guiders enrolled with one guide leader.

Teresa Bagyan, district guide commissioner, attended to conduct the enrolment. Janie Ryan was the guider in charge and Marg Allore was the guide leader enrolled that evening.

Enrolment ceremonies were conducted with Shannon Bird, Christine Kaye, Kelli Prue, Darlene Way, Alison Huffman, Amy Fisher and Tammy Bird making their guide promise.

District Commissioner Bagyan presented a certification of unit registration to guider Ryan for her company. Guide Allore was presented with her beekeeper badge, her gymnast badge and the four corners to her adventure challenge badge.

Allore, Thompson, Lott and Caron are former members of Newburgh Company, who came to Tamworth to help form the 1st Tamworth Girl Guide Company last November.

They meet in the Tamworth Legion Hall every Tuesday night from 7 pm to 8:30. Guides are now open for girls from the ages of 9 to 12.

Any girls in the area who are interested are welcome to visit the meetings and learn more about this worldwide fraternity of girls. The Tamworth company had a toboggan party scheduled for groundhog day, a church parade later on, plus wilderness camping and other outdoor activities planned.

Guiders say they provide many worthwhile activities for girls in the community. There is no Brownie pack in the Tamworth area for want of volunteer adult leaders.

Anyone willing to consider assisting with the younger girls is urged to contact Janie Ryan in Tamworth.

People who have any knowledge of the 1st Tamworth Guide Company that existed some 30 years ago are asked to get in touch with the new company. An application for unit certification was first sent to guide headquarters in Toronto and it was this that revealed

Marg Allore
... guide leader

there was a company back in 1955.

Members of that company would be in their 40's now with the leaders being slightly older. The new guiders are interested in who the former guiders are and what sort of things they did.

Girl Guides... May 1991

Girls earn all-around cords

Sarah Smith and Allison Barrett are shown with their mothers Monica Smith and Fran Barrett, along with Nancy Campbell.

Sarah Smith and Allison Barrett, of the 1st Tamworth Girl Guides, both received their All Around Cords last week.

The All Around Cord is the highest award a Girl Guide can attain, according to District Commissioner Nancy Campbell, who presented the girls with their cords Wednesday evening at Tamworth Public School.

Eleven requirements, including a list of badges and other challenges must be fulfilled before a Girl Guide is presented the All Around Cord.

Proud mothers Monica Smith and Fran Barrett were on hand [illegible] presented with the All Around Cords.

LOG SAWING CONTEST

1st, $3.00 ; 2nd, $2.00 ; donated by Bruce Bush, Marlbank.

SPECIALS

Children get freckles—Boy or Girl, under 16 years, with most freckles—1st [illegible] 2nd $1.50—Donated by [illegible] Tamworth

LARGE FAMILY

To [illegible] Cigars, [illegible] by Reed Carter Napanee

OLDEST CAR

[illegible] Motor Co. Limited to British American Oil Co [illegible] trip around race track

OLDEST COUPLE

Oldest Gent on grounds —$5 00 in goods donated by Reid Moore Clothing Co., Napanee

Oldest Lad[illegible] on grounds—$5 00 cash, donated by Wilson Coal, Napanee.

EXTRA SPECIAL

To Most appearing Team on grounds, harness to count—One Electric Fence [illegible] donated by Royer Supply Co , Belleville.

KINGSTON LEGION BAND

KINGSTON Legion BAND made available through sponsorship of the following Dr. Geo. Brown, Selby ; Dr D A Hunt Marlbank , Mr. R. H. McFarland Napanee ; Dr J. M Wilkinson, Napanee

[illegible] Kingston , 2nd prize Flash Light [illegible] ed by Michea Motors Kingston ; 3rd prize Flashlight [illegible] by Frontenac Electric Kingston

RECREATION 1990 - 1991

The Sheffield Camden Community Centre is a busy place from the middle of October to the end of March.

Brian Murphy is the manager. His two helpers are Andy Brown and Joel Lyman.

Brian and his crew keep the ice in shape for not just hockey games, but a variety of sporting events.

Hockey teams include Bantam, Midget Novice, Atom and a gentlemen's hockey team.

On Saturday afternoons skating lessons are provided. Public skating time is permitted on Sunday from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. and on Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

There are two sports in the arena in which competitors don't wear skates.

They are curling and broomball.

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Where is Tamworth ?

Feb. 12, 1991

This has to be one of the most asked questions when we particl pate in out-of-town tournaments.

The Tamworth Atoms, again sponsored by Jack Dale, are having a successful year completing their regular season with a record of 12 wins, one tie and three losses.

The team has participated in four O M H A. tournaments achieving overall "A" champs twice and consolation finalists once

The team's objective is to capture another "all Ontario championship" title as they did last year The team roster has eight returning players with a total of 13 hard working boys striving for this prestigious title. The coaching staff of Karl McLaughlin and Joel Lyman lead the way for Eric Weese, Ryan Lyman, Tim Huffman, Jamie Hinchey, Stephen Buchan, Kale Murphy, David Altiore, Scott Bell, Geoff Halladay, Jason Smith, Mike Cronk, Chris McLaughlin and Danny Barrett

from: The Guide

Chris Gaffney receives Wannamaker Trophy

Immediately after the Tamworth Midgets won the all-Ontario 'B' championship on April 7th it was announced that their goaltender, 16-year-old Chris Gaffney, was the 1990-91 winner of the Marty Wannamaker Trophy. That trophy is presented each year to the Sheffield-Camden Minor Hockey Association player who best displays good sportsmanship and devotion to his or her team

Chris, a Grade 11 student at Napanee District Secondary School, has been a goaltender since pee wee age. His mother, Maureen, has been involved in minor hockey in Tamworth for several years and she told The Bantam that the first year she was manager of the pee wee O.M.H.A. team they didn't have a goaltender and coaches John Ryan and Andy Brown asked if anyone was interested. "I can still remember him (Chris) saying, 'well if nobody gets mad at me I'd like to try it'. And he's been in ever since and just loves it."

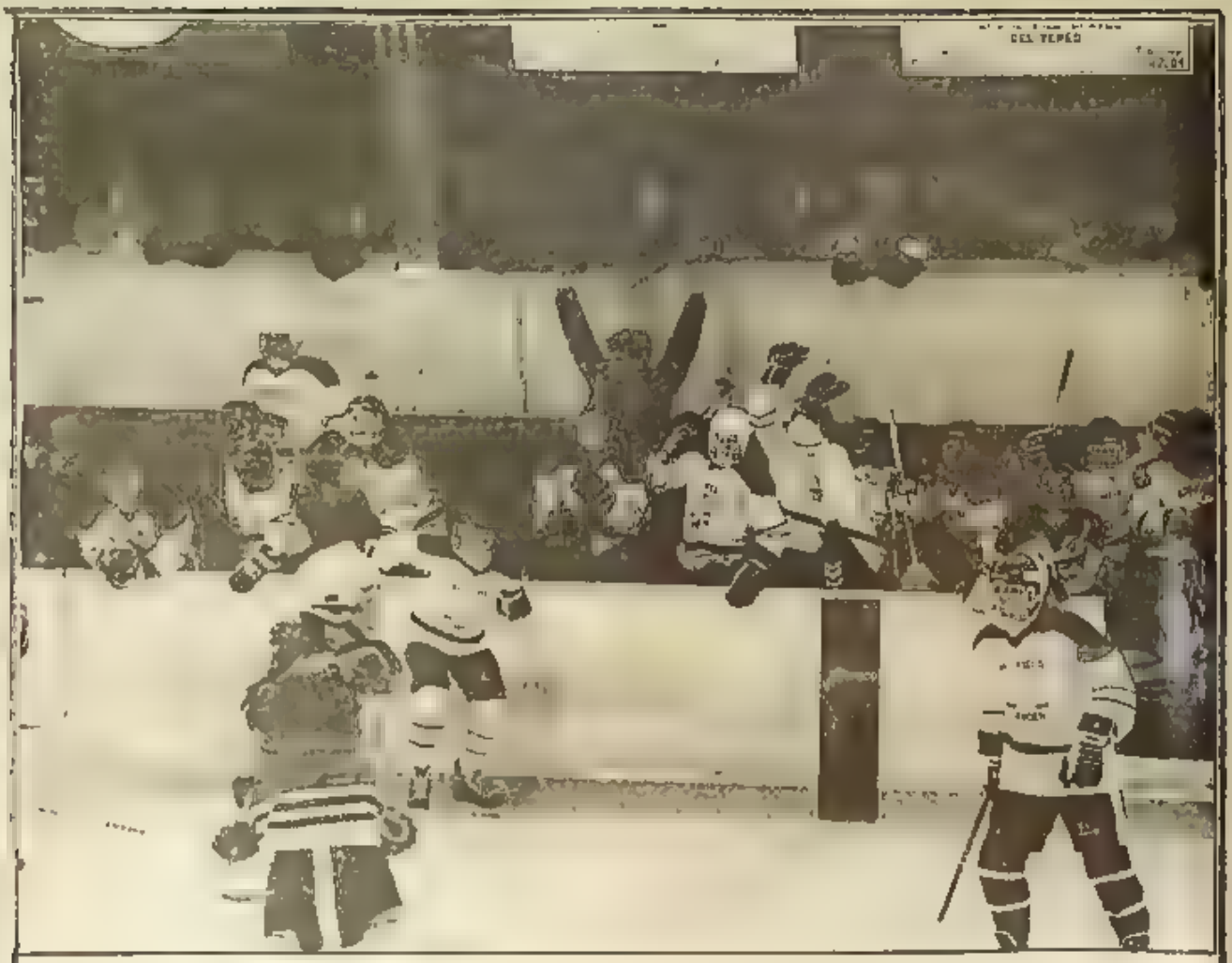
Playing goal for the midgets wasn't Chris' only involvement in minor hockey during the past winter. He also coached a novice house league team and for the third year refereed in the house leagues.

As well as being a hockey player, Chris is also a pretty good ball player. You may recall seeing his pictures in the Fall, 1990 issue of The Bantam after he won the 'Golden Glove' competition at the Ontario Amateur Softball Association Bantam 'D' championship tournament which was played in Tamworth on the Labour Day weekend.

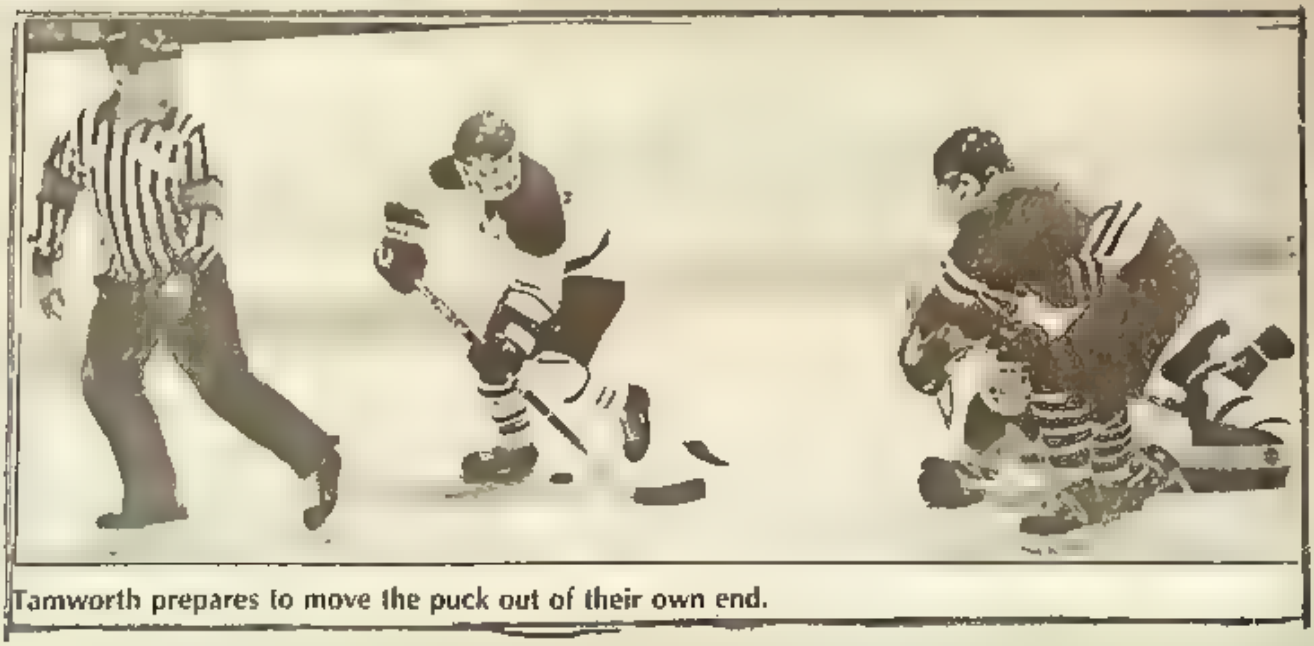
Another Ontario Minor Hockey Association Championship For Tamworth

This Time It's Midget 'E'

These are the people who brought the 1990-91 Ontario Minor Hockey Association Midget 'E' championship to Tamworth in April.
Standing from left to right in the back row are: Wayne Kennedy, Jamie Allen, Derek Smith, Rob Glecoff, Jay Fowler, Mark Smith, Steve Dowling, Tim Gregoire, Jason Pawlik, Martyn Raby, Derek Dowling and Jeff Thompson.
Seated in the front row are: Clint Matthews, Don Ballance, Jason Billings, Andy Brown (coach), Ron Pawlik (manager), Eric Bartlett (coach), Shawn Bird, Jeff Gaffney and Chris Gaffney.



There's no feeling like being number one.



Tamworth prepares to move the puck out of their own end.

SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roland Lott is the new Chief of the Sheffield Township Volunteer Fire Department. He became Chief in January.

The 31-year-old Sheffield Township Volunteer Fire Department has a new Chief, elected by the 22 members.

He's Roland Lott of Tamworth who is married and the father of two children.

Roland has been a member of the fire department since 1983 and took over as Chief in January of this year.

Roland replaces Vaughn Richmond, also of Tamworth, who retired from the department at the end of last year, after about 14 years of volunteer fire fighting service. He had been Chief for the past six years.

Vaughn Richmond

Hockey

Sun. March 29, 1992

Tamworth wins it all again

According to the Tamworth Midgets, winning is just as sweet the second time around.

In proving their point, the club can now claim OMHA Ontario Midget championship laurels this past weekend by employing a disciplined approach in eliminating Cayuga in the final. Tamworth scored two goals in an overtime period to down the home club 4-3 and win the best-of-five series 3-1 with one game ending in a tie.

A coaching tactic employed throughout the season of not "retaliating" was put to the test after the first two periods of the final game Sunday. Tamworth coach Eric Bartlett, who along with Andy Brown, stressed the passive message, were certainly impressed with their young recruits following some rough "stick work" displayed by many of the Cayuga players.

"There were four spearing and four slashing penalties in the first two periods," explained Bartlett.

At that time Tamworth trailed 2-0 but, entering the final frame, the two coaches injected more aggression of their own in the third period and the strategy paid off.

Tying the game on goals by Jason Billings and Jamie Allen forced an overtime period. Continuing their onslaught, Tamworth received goals from Steve Dowling and Ted Kennedy to set the Cayuga team and supporters back on their heels.

What set up the final match was a narrow 2-1 victory Saturday. Scoring in that one were Allen and Jeff Gaffney.

The two wins culminated a determined comeback after Tamworth had won the opener in Cayuga 7-3. However, upon returning to their own ice, the club managed only to secure a tie in two matches.

Winning two matches this past weekend enabled the club to take all three games of their series in the visitor's rink.

New Stamp Honors 6,000,000 Women

Ottawa, March 21—(CP)—The post-office will issue a special stamp Wednesday, May 19, to commemorate a world-wide organization of some 6,000,000 rural women—an organization conceived by a Canadian woman.

The five-cent stamp will honor the development of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, Cercles des Fermieres of Quebec and similar groups elsewhere belonging to the Associated Country Women of the World.

The green, black and white stamp designed by Helen Fitzgerald, Toronto artist, shows a female figure kneeling beside a tree over which the globe is poised.

The words 'Associated Country Women of the World" and 'Union Mondiale de Femmes Rurales" form the border on three sides of the stamp. On the fourth side is the word Canada, with the denomination in the bottom right corner.

The border of the stamp is green and the lettering white. The denomination is black.

The female figure, the tree and the globe are pen outlines on a white background. The drawings of the woman and the globe are in black and the tree is green.

The post-office said today "the design symbolizes growth as cultivated by country women of individual country organizations into the world association as represented by the globe."

The idea of women's institutes was conceived in 1897 by Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless of Hamilton. The first institute was organized in that year at Stoney Creek.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada the national organization was formed in Winnipeg in 1919. It now has a membership of 95,000 country women.

& ... pics (library train station, etc) ack —

Ottawa Street Tamworth Ont

Main St Tamworth Ont

Presbyterian Church Tamworth Ont

English Church Tamworth Ont

Station Tamworth Ont

Pictures donated by Isma Milligan

United Church and parsonage - 1914

Tamworth Dam —

Letter from overseas didn't get tossed out

TAMWORTH – Brydon Long, a lifelong resident of this area, doesn't like throwing things away.

That's why he still has a letter sent to him by fellow Tamworthite Alex Adair, written Nov. 14, 1944, from the 18th Canadian General Hospital, Canadian Army Overseas.

Both men still live in the Tamworth area.

Written on Canadian Red Cross Society supplied stationary, and sent in a Salvation Army supplied envelope, the letter is self-explanatory and reads as follows:

Hello Byrd – Just received your letter and thought I'd better answer while I was in the mood. I'm back in Blighty again and have been now for nearly a month. My wound isn't as bad as wounds go, only a broken hip. It doesn't pain a lot and hasn't from the time I was hit. The only fly in the ointment is that I'm stranded by one leg in a fracture with a cast up one leg and around my stomach, so I can't move around or kick up a lot. The main thing is I'll be going back to Canada so I guess I can put up with it. They're trying to get as many fellows home before Xmas as possible but I guess I'll be lucky I'm home by Easter.

As far as getting the Jerry who nailed me, I don't hold anything against him, it was a mortar bomb that got me anyway. The Jerries are deadly as old hell with those mortars. He gets a lot of the guys that way.

BRYDON LONG
with 1944 mail

Little George Murphy was in to see me one night last week and gave me a bit of the home news. I guess all the old timers are dying off around Tamworth from what he says. I hear Charlie Baker was the latest to pass away. He was certainly a good old head. George is an orderly here. It was good to see an old face, the first one since I left home.

Well, I guess that's about it for now. Write again when you get [redacted].

So long for now.

Alex

Following are a few items taken from a Kingston British Whig of February 9th. 1893, This paper has been in the possession of Mr. Albert York every since it was printed.

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Blacksmiths

In 1843, Mr. Robert Helms started to blacksmith in this settlement.
In 1853, Mr. M.J. Wormworth opened a blacksmith shop.
In 1873, Mr. George Richardson started to blacksmith here and carried on a prosperous business for many years, his son Henry then took up the business and carried on until 1916, when he retired , and passed away early in December 1942.
Mr. Edward Dawson started to blacksmith in 1890 and continued to do so until 1939 when he retired from Business.

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No more budding love at Bennie's

A landmark comes to an end. Bennie's Lunch, Tamworth, is being torn down.

[illegible] was a restaurant and dance [illegible] was a great meeting place for all the teenagers for years.

Many young people got [illegible] the weekends from Kingston, Napanee, Tweed, Arden and [illegible] between [illegible] to the jobs here. One [illegible] put the dance on memory.

Owners Benedict and Marjorie Chisholm are retired and living in Bellville. Geoffrey Minors is making the land into a car lot. Many relatives [illegible] husband at Bennie's. Many fond memories go with the building.

H. Carroll Reid
Tamworth

Events

On Aug. 8, 1985 two men pretending to be police officers gained entry to the Tamworth branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Judy Dowdle, Elaine Wilson, and the Bank Manager Ror Molyneux were locked up in the bank vault. The men removed a quantity of currency from the vault and made their getaway by car. Two other employees arrived later and discovered their fellow employees in the vault. But that the robbers had made their ottaway

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1987

Convicted Tamworth bank robber already on life term for earlier job

2nd robber's 17-year sentence academic due to record

By JACK RAFTER
Whig Standard Staff Writer

NAPANEE

A district court jury has found William Ross Stairs guilty of the Aug. 8, 1985, robbery of $85,400 from the Tamworth branch of the Imperial Canadian

The jury convicted Stairs, 39, of Ottawa, of the forcible confinement of four bank employees, who were locked in a vault while two robbers made their getaway.

A second man, Joseph Edward McCormick, 41, pleaded guilty last week to the robbery as well as to being at large from a term of imprisonment.

Originally, Stairs was charged with being unlawfully at large but that charge was not proceeded

Presiding judge R. W. Hurley yesterday sentenced Stairs to 17 years for robbery and gave him a five-year concurrent sentence for the unlawful confinement.

But the parole act stipulates that since Mr. Stairs was sentenced to life term for a robbery that occurred six weeks before that in Tamworth.

Wilson Stairs had been convicted before of a robbery in which he impersonated a policeman, the court learned

That case, which also involved McCormick, arose from the robbery of $9,400 from a Toronto meat store on July 20, 1985.

Court was told that Stairs also has two other robbery convictions dating from 1971 (a 15-year sentence) and three more from 1981 (eight years). At least one of his other convictions is for impersonating a police officer.

The Tamworth case occurred when the two robbers posed as police officers assigned to prevent an anticipated robbery. They then used imitation revolvers to force the staff to do as they ordered. The employees escaped from the vault after about 25 minutes.

Judge Hurley called the crime "carefully planned and carried out with professional skill." Crown Attorney Rhys Morgan had requested another life sentence.

Defence lawyer Harry Kopyto felt that his client should have received seven to 12 years.

Kopyto noted that Stairs had last served time in the Frontenac [illegible] security institution.

The lawyer said that his client had been a model prisoner with an outstanding record as an inmate. One of his successful work projects was to help in the painting of the Prison for Women in Kingston, he said.

Personalities —

Buster and Monica Vermeulen of Tamworth.

By Jim Sarazin
Weekender Writer

Artist Buster Vermeulen and his wife Monica have added a touch of class to the historic heart of Tamworth, establishing an art gallery, craft area, a music room and the Devon Tea Room, complete with English garden patio area

Even Vermeulen is somewhat surprised that his career as a cost consultant in the construction industry eventually led him to this village, 25 miles north of Napanee, and a new life as an entrepreneur Moreover, his artistic talents — dormant since he took up painting "in order to get myself through university" — have blossomed again in his new lifestyle

Originally from South Africa, Vermeulen established himself in the Richmond Hill area, near Toronto When his three sons took over the family business he and his wife headed eastward and settled down in the Centreville area a couple of years ago

The Vermeulen's were familiar with the Tamworth area and after spotting a number of real estate signs in the area they took out their cheque book and decided to invest in the community

Purchasing a couple of buildings at the five-corner intersection in Tamworth, two historic houses near the same area and a picturesque site along the Salmon River, the pair went to work That was two years ago, and now the renovations are complete

If you browse through the complex you'll find the A. J Vermeulen gallery, a craft area displaying Don Stinson's work, a small picture gallery featuring several postcard-like paintings of sites thoughout the Tamworth area by the owner, the open-concept tea room and the music room

Recently, more than a 100 people took in the performances of Johnny Pearl and Bakersfield in the music room and it also has been the site of several recitals The acoustics are excellent, according to students from Queen's University

"I just couldn't retire and do nothing " said Vermeulen, concerning his major renovation project. "Some people retire from a job because they are somewhat relieved to be getting out. .but I've been so active as an artist, consultant and traveller I never know what I'm doing tomorrow "

The Vermeulen's like the "unique physical features" of the village and the relative isolation of the area Yet, they have noticed a resurgence in the area's population

The enterprising retiree said the completed complex is in response to what he hopes the people in Tamworth want. We're not competing with anybody but trying to play a complementary role

He said the music room, for example can be used to meet other needs "We are going to give this a real good try " said Vermeulen we are open to suggestions whether it's piano lessons, ballet rehearsals or aerobics. Because it's a rather long drive to Kingston, the owner said he's hearing comments such as Wouldn't it be great if we could have it here!"

ERINSVILLE

In the summer of 1990 Erinsville lost their postmaster. However, Erinsville residents can still purchase stamps and money orders and collect their parcels and registered mail right at home. That's because there is a postal franchise in the Erinsville Country Store operated by Maureen Garrett and Debbie Martin.

Following are the names of all the postmasters and the years in which they had the job.

Jeremiah Gaffney	1852 - 1855
Patrick Gaffney	1855 - 1862
Patrick Walsh	1862 - 1869
Bernard Murphy	1869 - 1904
Mrs. G. M. Murphy	1905 - 1909
Mrs. Winnifred O'Brien	1910 - 1921
Mrs. Lillian Hopkins	1922 - 1949
Michael E. Hopkins	1949 - 1973
Mrs. Elsie Richmond	1973
P. A. Kidd	1973 - 1979
Mrs. Jeanne Bain	1979 - 1990

This picture of the store at Erinsville was taken in 1923 when it was owned M.J. Hopkins

From The Bantam Fall 1990

Erinsville Country Store as it looks today

Maureen Garrett and Debbie Martin
in their Erinsville Country Store

Two sisters who have lived in the Erinsville area all their lives are the new owners of the store in that hamlet. Maureen Garrett and Debbie Martin, who are daughters of Joseph and Florence Sagriff and who grew up on the family farm on the north shore of White Lake, have since June 27th been operating what had been known as the Erinsville General Store, under the name Erinsville Country Store.

Both girls bring valuable experience with them to their new venture. Maureen was manager of Tamworth Village Farms for eight years while Debbie was employed at Martin's Meats near Marlbank for several years and has been at Lewis Meats for the past two years.

"We wouldn't give her up for the world" said Maureen of the store. "We put a lot of thought into the place. We get a lot of highway traffic, we get a lot of locals too. We want them to stop here for everything - not just as a convenience store."

To do that they're making some changes at the store. They have installed gas pumps and inside the store want to add some hardware, work clothing and gifts. They also plan to build the meat business up. "Just your typical old country store" said Maureen.

Debbie and her husband Todd live in the dwelling attached to the store while Maureen and her husband Mike and their two girls live on a farm just north of Erinsville.

SCHOOL REUNION

ERINSVILLE

MAY 19 and 20, 1990

450 gathered for St. Patrick's school celebration

Former students from as far away as Alberta in Canada and Georgia in the United States were among 450 people who gathered in the Sheffield-Camden Community Centre in Tamworth on May 19th for a dinner and dance which were part of the weekend celebration marking 75 years of Catholic education at St. Patrick's School in Erinsville. Earlier in the day an informal welcome tea was held at the school.

On the following day about 250 gathered for brunch and a farewell reception at the school following mass.

"We were pleasantly surprised" said Marg Allore, a member of the organizing committee, of the numbers that turned out for the event. She said the committee would have been happy if they broke even financially but a bit of money was actually made from the weekend festivities and it will go towards a trophy cabinet in the school, new curtains for the stage in the school hall and a new sound system.

A number of people spoke at the Saturday night dinner, including Dr. Gregory Cosgrove who is Director of Education for the Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Separate School Board; Bill Vanbaagheen, MP for Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington; and three former students - Jim Jordan who is MP for Leeds-Grenville; Dr. Jack Neville of Peterborough and Major Jack Connors who is retired from the Canadian Armed Forces. A special presentation was made to Loretta Kearns who taught at the school from 1930 until 1941.

All formal presentations were made on Sunday and there was a re-dedication of the school. Among those who spoke to the crowd were William Harding who is chairman of the school board; Larry South, MPP for Frontenac-Addington; Bob Craig who represented Sheffield township and Archbishop Spence who spoke on behalf of the Kingston Diocese.

This group of people are all associates of St. Patrick's Separate School in Erinsville and they got together with many others for the celebration of 75 years of Catholic education in Erinsville on May 19th and 20th. From left to right are: David Allore of Tamworth, a Grade 5 student; Theresa Courneyea (McCormack) of Ottawa, a former student, Noreen McDermott (Byrnes) of Oshawa, former student; Joe O'Neill of Deseronto, former student; Marg Allore (Hopkins) of Tamworth, former student; Evelyn McCauley (Beardmore) of Atlanta, Georgia, former student; Marie Kennedy of Erinsville, a former teacher, and Carmel Bertsch of Enterprise, a former teacher.

Seated here is Mrs. Cecilia O'Neill (Powers) of Erinsville with five of her children and one of their former teachers, at the celebration of 75 years of Catholic education in Erinsville on May 19th. Mrs. O'Neill (born in 1904) and all of her children attended St. Patrick's School in Erinsville. Standing from left to right are Joe O'Neill of Deseronto, Rose Marie O'Neill of Toronto, Frances Murphy of Westport (former teacher), Neil O'Neill of Scarborough, Michael O'Neill of Sudbury and Mary O'Neill of Erinsville.

This is the old St. Patrick's school in Evansville which was replaced in 1960. In the background is the Church of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church.

This is the present day St. Patrick's school in Evansville which opened 50 years ago.

The history of education in Erinsville

by Marg Allore

In 1858 John Murphy, an early reeve of Sheffield township, was instrumental in the establishment of a separate school in Erinsville. When his eldest child was ready to attend a school, Mr. Murphy donated all the lumber for the first school which was erected at the corner of Thomas and Tullow streets in the village. A school section was formed with Mr. Murphy, Mr. McGill and Mr. Hooley at trustees. About sixty young people attended the first year.

In marked contrast to modern classrooms, this one-room school consisted of one long seat on each side of the room, a high teacher's desk, a wooden blackboard and a globe. Some time later, seats holding four students each were placed across the room. Students wrote on personal chalkboards.

Attendance was somewhat irregular, depending on the season and weather. As many as one hundred and eight students might attend during the slower winter months.

In 1878, when a new, larger school was needed, the first building and land were sold. The frame two-storey school was erected on land adjoining the present Church of the Assumption, completed in 1870. The timber for this school was donated by a parishioner, Mr. Hayes. The school was named for St. Patrick, the favourite saint of so many Irish families in the area.

The school was heated by a centrally located wood-stove. Its daily fueling was one of the teacher's many responsibilities. The upper room of the building served as a parish hall for many functions such as card parties and dances.

The costs of maintaining this school included teachers salaries, some of which are included below. In 1913 - $500. In 1914 - $515. In 1920 - $735, 1921 - $935, 1927 - $975, 1934 - $1,000.

In 1913 the cost for fuel was $160, for lighting fires, $9.05 and for insurance, $6.75. In 1932, the caretaker, Mr. John Lynch, received $50 for the year for his work.

In 1931 a second teacher was engaged and the school was divided into junior and senior rooms. Two years of high school subjects were included in the curriculum so that students would not have to travel to Tamworth or to Kingston to further their education.

Construction of the present three-room St. Patrick's school, with basement auditorium for parish and school activities, was begun in April, 1940. Archbishop M.J. O'Brien purchased land across from the church from a local resident, assisted by parish priest, Fr. J. Powell. With many parish men donating time and materials, and with Rashotte Brothers of Tweed as the main contractors, the brick two-storey school was built in record time. It opened for classes on September 14, 1940, with an enrolment of fifty-four pupils. First teachers at the school were Miss Madeline Walsh and Miss Loretta Cunningham. On Sunday, October 6, at a special ceremony, Archbishop O'Brien blessed the school and named it in honour of St. Patrick. R.C.S.S. #5 Sheffield was administered by local, appointed trustees.

Many changes have occurred since 1940. Until 1965 St. Pat's was a continuation school in which grades one to ten were taught; students then attended either Tamworth Continuation School or Regiopolis in Kingston for their remaining high school years. After that year, students attended Napanee District Secondary School or Regi for all of their secondary education.

In 1968 the school became part of the Frontenac, Lennox and Addington R.C. Separate School Board, administered from Kingston. Principals since then have been Mr. Joseph Nolan, Mr. Anthony Hunt, and presently, Ms. Shirley Kelliher.

Today fifty students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade Eight, attend St. Pat's. Personnel include Mr. John Kennedy, Grades 5 to 8; Mrs. Mildred MacNamara (another former student), Grades 1 to 4; Ms. Liz Green, Kindergarten and French; Mrs. Donna Craigen, Educational Speech Assistant; part-time resource personnel, Mrs. Theresa McClintock and Mrs. Doreen Nothcott, Special Education; Mrs. Maureen AcAdam, librarian; and Mrs. Nancy Cledgett, custodian.

* Historical information about the school has been taken from the following sources: History of the C.W.L. 1921-1961; Built on a Rock, The Green and Gold, school registers.

Letter

(The following is a letter written by Loretta Cunningham Kearns, in which she describes St. Patrick's School at Erinsville when she was a teacher there, from 1930 until 1941 Mrs. Kearns now lives in Toronto and has a cottage at Beaver [illegible]

In September, 1930 I became the teacher at St Patrick's School. There were 35 pupils in eight [illegible]

The school was on the first floor. A large wood stove in the middle of the floor supplied the heat. Mr. C.P. Matthews was the inspector. Father Francis Farrell was the administrator. The second floor was used for card parties A partition was across the back of the classroom to make the room warmer in [illegible] when dances were held on the first floor.

The following year Mr Matthews suggested that grades 9 and 10 be added using the second floor. Windows were put in the [illegible] floor. Miss Mary O'Hearn became teacher of the junior room and I took over the senior room Pupils who had been out of school returned to school, also some came from other school sections. The pupils were a pleasure to teach, eager to learn and discipline problems, even minor ones, were rare. There was excellent co-operation between the school, trustees and parents and the parish priest Father John Powell became pastor in 1931.

The school was heated by a wood fire, green cord wood being used. Monday mornings in the winter were very cold classrooms One Monday morning, a pupil who came late having come on the train, came in, another pupil looked at him and pretended he was wiping the sweat from his forehead We all had a good laugh, not a word was said, and we went back to work Out door toilets were in use. Water for drinking was carried in a pail from a nearby well

We did not have a great deal of equipment, practically no library Pupils bought their own books, supplies, etc These were the days of the Great Depression and books were lent from others. Christmas concerts, field day and picnic for the school were held

Those were the days before inoculation for communicable diseases so we had our share of chicken pox, measles and diphtheria, with the school being closed for about two weeks at one time

We had another problem one time, the roof of the [illegible] caught fire Fortunately someone saw it [illegible] a hole about a foot was [illegible]

In 1940 the new St. Patrick's School was built, Rasbotte's of Tweed were the contractors. In September, 1940 we moved in. What a joy! Every thing was new, fresh, clean. Lots of room, running water, large playground. The school was blessed by Archbishop O'Brien on a Sunday in September. There were three rooms and a teacher's room. There were 22 pupils in the senior room. The junior room was taught by Miss Madelon Walsh. A music teacher, Miss Mary Walsh, came weekly to teach music. Home economics and manual training were taught. The parish hall was part of the building.

By an agreement between the school section and the parish, the parish had the use of the parish hall free for parish functions in perpetuity. The hall was used for chicken suppers, oyster suppers, plays, Christmas concerts, St. Patrick's concerts and graduations, as well as dances and card parties

Salaries for teachers were very different from today. My salary in 1930 was $1,000 yearly, later during the worst years of the depression it was reduced to $800 yearly.

Pupils came from St. Patrick's section, from McGarvey's, Flanagan's, Marlbank, Farrell's sections and one came from Stoco. They walked, they came by car, horse and buggy, train, and some stayed at homes in the village for the week The boy asked permission to leave at 1 30 so he could get home before dark, he was afraid of bears.

The school hours were from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with 15 minutes recess forenoon and afternoon, and noon hour from 12 to 1 p.m

It was a pleasure to teach at St Patrick's School. I enjoyed it so much and I have retained a strong friendship for those former pupils. God has showered his blessings on the school and may He continue to do so for another fifty years.

I left St. Patrick's School on June 25, 1941 to go home to help care for an ailing, aging parent.

Loretta Cunningham Kearns

** Note ** On [redacted] page Is a picture of the first graduating class at the new St. Patrick's School, taken in 1941, and Loretta Cunningham is in that picture.

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This is the 1941 Graduating Class at St. Patrick School in Erinsville. Standing from left to right are- Joseph Garrett, Noreen Lynn, Mary McGrath, Loretta Cunningham (teacher), Agnes Mulrooney, Theresa O'Neill, Jean Hopkins and Joe O'Neill. Seated is Rev. Father Powell.

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KEARNS, Loretta (Retired Metropolitan Toronto Separate School Teacher and Member of the Blessed Sacrament Social Club) — Peacefully at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto on Tuesday June 18, 1996, Loretta Cunningham of Toronto, in her 82nd year, beloved wife of the late Stanley Kearns, sister of [redacted] Thomas Cunningham, fondly remembered by [redacted] friends and friends. The family will receive friends at the [illegible] Funeral Home, Tamworth, on Thursday 7-9 and Friday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Mass of Resurrection at the Annunciation Church, Interment on Saturday June 22 at 11:00 a.m. Interment Annunc... Cemetery

Scenes of Cunningham Memorial Park

A walkway

Riverside

Cunningham Memorial Park dedicated

By Jim Sarazin
Beaver Staff

On a perfect fall afternoon for a stroll through the park, dignitaries from Tamworth and other invited political guests met for the official dedication ceremony of the village's Cunningham Memorial Park on Sunday.

As the leaves wisked along the parkland, which sits on a hillside along the Salmon River, village officials and MP Bill Vankoughnet credited the involvement of the community in turning a former pasture lot into a picturesque setting in the village's east end.

"It's nice to see the transformation taking place in this community," said Vankoughnet. "All those people involved should be congratulated. Keep up the good work."

About 200 people were on hand for the dedication and when the accolades were being handed out, many of those in attendance glanced over in the direction of Louise Marshall. According to Tamworth Reeve Gerald Milligan and local real estate broker Robert Storring, she was the person responsible for "spearheading" the project.

"Our job was to raise money and get the people involved," said Marshall, who was elected chairwoman of the park committee, "and the support from the community was fantastic."

The project first attracted the attention of town council after the late Mrs. Mary Cunningham had placed the property into the hands of council in 1987, with the intentions of turning the site into a park. "We set up a park committee especially for this," said Milligan, which included council members Deputy Reeve Robert Craig and Councilor Tony Hunt. Joining the councillors were community representatives Scott Gilmore, Lindsey Hannah, John Duchene and Marshall.

While work crews began trucking in top soil in the fall of 1989, Storring said the chairwoman had already started raising money and securing donations towards the $17,000 project.

"She (Marshall) likes to get involved in community projects," said Storring. "She's the real pusher for stuff like this."

Town council was already aware of Marshall's reputation from previous landscaping endeavors. In 1984, she headed a bicentennial project in landscaping the grounds around the town hall, and a couple of years later supervised the Memorial Gardens project.

"I'm sure she (Marshall) helped raise pretty close to $7,000 for the park," said Storring. Another $6,000 came in the form of a grant to the Township of Sheffield and was used towards the fence and rock work along the river bank.

Storring's son, Robbie, also joined forces with Marshall in much of the design work. Storring, who chipped in with a most $2,000 from his real estate agency, said his son had worked "for two summers under a student employment program" at the park and devoted many weekends to the project.

Reeve Milligan cited the "support from the community" for the project's success. A nine-page complimentary program, which was handed out at the dedication ceremony, also contained seven pages of names of those who played a role in making Cunningham Memorial Park part of their personal effort.

A winning combination

Members of a specially appointed park committee were responsible for the creation of the Cunningham Memorial Park, situated on a picturesque hillside in the eastern section of Tamworth. A dedication ceremony was held Sunday to pay tribute to many of those responsible in the three year, $17,000 project. Park Committee members included Scott Gilmour, Louise Marshall, Tony Hunt, Lindsey Hannah, John Duchene and Robert Craig.

HARRY KILFOYLE/The Whig-Standard

Darrell Gillen and Rob Storring put the finishing touches on the Mary Cunningham Memorial Park in Tamworth

A Pedestrian Park

[redacted] a pedestrian path, a green area, a serene place," Mrs. Mar[redacted] munity has been tremendous."

[redacted] family farmhouse were repainted and serve as an interior wall for a raised garden in the centre of the park. Within the garden is a small [redacted] stone monument and plaque simply inscribed as the Cunningham Memorial Park.

The township paid to erect a new Frontenac fence, three feet high, a foot thick and 281 feet long. Access to the triangle shaped park is gained through attractive [redacted] gates off either Wheeler or Ottawa Streets.

Local sculptor Henry Saxe, a recent Order of Canada winner is finishing a sculpture to complete the interior rock garden.

THANK YOU

The Cunningham Memorial Park Committee would like to thank all those who made our Dedication Ceremony on Sun. Oct. 21 in Tamworth such a success. Our appreciation to Rev. Cyril Betts as M.C., Rev. Kenneth Pollard for offering prayers, Sheffield Twp. Reeve Gerald Milligan and political dignitaries, and to Mr. Jack Dafoe for playing the bagpipes before and after the service. To Dunbar Concrete (Brighton) for supplying an overhead tent, Frederick Hannan for the P.A. system, and to the Tamworth W.I. for providing a lovely lunch at the Township Hall afterwards. Sincere thanks to all for your help.

Award winner

Robbie Storring was presented w th a plaque from Tamworth Reeve Cerald M igan to commemorate his determ ned efforts over the past couple of years towards the establ shment of the Cunningham Memorial Park. He, along with cha rwoman Louise Marsha , were credited with much of the design and layout of the park.

BANKING MEMORIES

Canada's chartered banks once issued their own currency. In the early years of banking in Canada and into this century, people who wanted to start banks had to buy $100. shares in them.

Banks of eighty years ago were only skeletons of the multi-service financial organizations they are to-day. Few people had bank accounts as the banks were used mostly for savings accounts for deposits from businesses. City banks employed a teller, a ledger-keeper and a manager. Their annual salaries were around $300., $500. and $1200. to $1500., respectively. In rural areas the manager was the only employee. Women were not employed for more than thirty years after the bank was founded. Now women make up two-thirds or more of the banks' personnel.

The advent of the typewriter opened up the way for women to be employed. In 1899 the first woman typist was employed.

A manager was considered a special kind of person - a pillar of the community. He was expected to organize everything around the branch. His duties reached far beyond monetary matters. For example, he was expected to keep tabs on the moral character of employees, making sure they observed the Sabbath, didn't marry without his permission and attended proper social functions.

Banking activity was tightly regulated - even by members of the banks' own board of directors.

Each loan (few that there were), had to go before the board for approval. Keeping in mind that few people had bank accounts eighty years ago, banks subsequently provided few services beyond savings accounts. Cheques were so expensive to process that few were used. Only trust companies were allowed into the mortgage business. It wasn't until 1954 that banks were allowed to take mortgages.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce began in 1867, the year of Confederation. In 1915 The Sterling Bank began doing business in Tamworth. It was located where "The Corner Store"is. The present bank building was built about two years later. The Standard Bank took over the Sterling Bank in 1924.

In 1928 the Standard Bank amalgamated with the Canadian Bank of Commerce. In 1961 it joined with the Imperial Bank of Canada and became known as The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Mary Burns.

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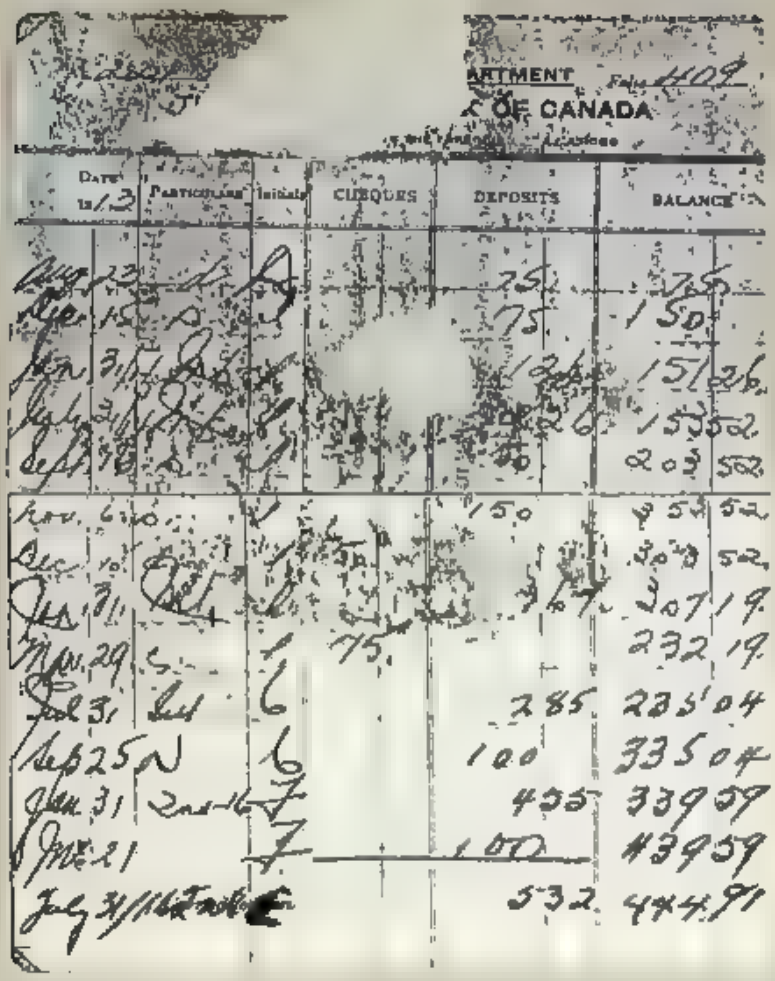

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The Shinplaster

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According to information provided by the curator of the Currency Museum, Bank of Canada, Ottawa, the term "shinplaster" is used to refer to any fractional note, e.g. ¼. Twenty-five cent bank notes were the most common. As the currency lost value, the fractional notes became practically worthless. It is thought that "shinplaster" became the common term for them as a result of soldiers or others stuffing them in their boots for insulation, or to plug holes.

Fractional notes were in use in the United States for a much longer period than in Canada. They were introduced in the U.S.A. in the late eighteenth century and were printed in Canada for the first time in 1870. In Canada this currency was intended to have only a short run, but the notes became very popular and continued in circulation for a much longer period

than originally intended. The last date of issue (i.e. date on the printer's plate) was 1923, but they continued to be printed for some years, and remained in circulation until the 1930's.

The Bank of Canada was created in 1934 and started printing new currency notes in 1935. Prior to the formation of the Bank of Canada, the "shinplaster" had been issued by the Dominion of Canada through the Offices of the Assistant Receiver General.

By Mary Burns

Tamworth Bank Robberies

Robbery -
Aug. 8, 1985
Arrests -
March 12, 1986

Tamworth robbery

Two men are charged with robbery in connection with the August holdup at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Tamworth after a combined investigation by four police departments.

Joseph Edward McCormick, 40, and Wilson Roy Stairs, 38, both of whom were unlawfully at large from Kingston, are charged in connection with robberies in Metropolitan Toronto area, Tamworth and Manitoba during the period of July to September this year.

A news release issued by provincial Constable Ed Kisilewich, in charge of the investigation locally, stated the two were arrested as result of investigation conducted by members of the Metropolitan Toronto Police and Montreal Municipal Urban Police holdup squads, the RCMP in Manitoba, and Napanee OPP detachment.

A large sum of money was recovered. Police are not releasing the amount, or where it was retrieved.

Stairs is in custody in Napanee. McCormick is in custody in Toronto. Both are awaiting court appearances on the robberies and other related charges.

Robbers were allowed to enter the bank in Tamworth after they pretended to be police officers and indicated they received information the bank was going to be robbed.

They were allowed to enter about 8:30 am to provide police surveillance.

Some witnesses said the men appeared to be bank inspectors.

They asked three employees, manager Ron Molyneaux, assistant manager Elaine Wilson and employee Judy Dowdle inside the bank vault. The men took what police describe only as a "undisclosed amount of currency" from the vault.

Robbery -
Jan. 2, 1992 -
2 PM.

Two police detachments were occupied with bomb threats in Napanee and Northbrook while three masked men entered the CIBC branch in Tamworth. One of the men was armed. Five employees and three customers were in the bank at the time. The three men escaped in a stolen car with the money stolen in the robbery. Police are still investigating.

Feb. 12, 1992

Four Kingston residents were arrested for C.I.B.C. Tamworth robbery.